(c) The amount involved in cases pending for adjudication is Rs. 14,502.75 crores (under FERA, 1973) and Rs. 443.98 crores (under FEMA, 1999).

(d) Additional adjudicating officers have been appointed to liquidate the pending cases.

Reduction in Government's expenditure

2234. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Government expenditure during the last financial year;

(b) what is the total expenditure this year;

(c) what steps are being taken to reduce the wasteful expenditure of Government;

(d) whether Government have achieved any substantial saving on account of these expenses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Total Government expenditure during the last financial year *viz*. 2002-03 was Rs. 4,12,964 crore as per provisional accounts.

(b) Total expenditure during this year will be known at the close of the financial year.

(c) to (e) Government has taken various steps to curb wasteful expenditure. The austerity measures include ban on creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/ hospitality expenses, reduction in per diem allowance for travel abroad,etc. This is an ongoing and continuous exercise aimed at curbing wasteful expenditure and optimizing Government's current and future expenditure commitments.